

Probate and Family Court Department Uniform Fee Schedule

Effective July 1, 2003

Any party entering a complaint, petition or other civil action in which an initial filing fee is payable and to which a separate docket number or suffix is assigned shall pay to the register of the court a surcharge (\$15.00) in addition to the fee otherwise required by law.

See Generally, M.G.L. c. 262, § 4C.

Please note that in any action for which there is no fee charged, all associated fees and costs are not charged for that action; e.g., in a paternity action, the usual fees for a summons, an attested copy of the record, and a Certificate of the Judgement would not be charged.

Abuse Prevention/Abuse Protection.....	No Fee	
Accounts, Petition or Application for Allowance:		
Where the gross value accounted for in Schedule A of the Account is \$1,000.00 or less.....	No Fee	
Where gross value accounted for is more than \$1,000.00 but less than \$10,000.00, provided, however, that the fees shall not exceed \$170.00 regardless of the time covered by such account.....	\$ 75.00	
Where the gross value accounted for is not less than \$10,000.00 and not more than \$100,000.00 (per year or major fraction thereof covered by such account).....	\$ 100.00	
Where the gross value accounted for is not less than \$100,000.00 and not more than \$500,000.00 (per year or major fraction thereof covered by such account).....	\$ 150.00	
Where the gross value accounted for is more than \$500,000.00 and not more than \$1,000,000.00 (per year or major fraction thereof covered by such account).....	\$ 200.00	
Where the gross value accounted for is more than \$1,000,000.00 (per year or major fraction thereof covered by such account).....	\$ 400.00	
Administration of Goods not already Administered.....	\$ 215.00	\$ 150.00 + \$ 50.00 bond + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Administration, Public.....	\$ 115.00	\$ 50.00 +

		\$ 50.00 bond + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Administration of Estate of Person who Died Intestate.....	\$ 215.00	\$ 150.00 + \$ 50.00 bond + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Administration With Will Annexed.....	\$ 215.00	\$ 150.00 + \$ 50.00 bond + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Administration De Bonis Non.....	\$ 215.00	\$ 150.00 + \$ 50.00 bond + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Administration De Bonis Non with the Will Annexed.....	\$ 215.00	\$ 150.00 + \$ 50.00 bond + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Adoption, Separate Support, Custody or Support of a Minor Child...	No Fee	
Alimony, Complaint for.....	\$ 115.00	\$100.00 + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Amend a Record except such as relates to adoption, separate support custody or support of minors.....	\$ 60.00	
Annulment or Affirmation a Marriage, Complaint for.....	\$ 215.00	\$ 200.00 + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Appointment of a Conservator.....	\$ 215.00	\$ 150.00 + \$ 50.00 bond + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Appointment of a Guardian (except when the petitioner certifies that the ward's estate does not exceed \$ 100.00, then no fee).....	\$ 215.00	\$ 150.00 + \$ 50.00 bond + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Appointment of a Receiver of the Estate of an Absentee.....	\$ 215.00	\$ 150.00 + \$ 50.00 bond + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Appointment of a Special Administrator.....	\$ 215.00	\$ 150.00 + \$ 50.00 bond + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Appointment of a Trustee.....	\$ 215.00	\$ 150.00 + \$ 50.00 bond + \$ 15.00 surcharge

Bond, Filing of.....	\$ 50.00	
Bond, New.....	\$ 75.00	
Care of Burial Lot.....	\$ 60.00	
Certificate of Orders, Decrees, Rulings, Judgements or Other Proceedings (plus one dollar per page for each page except the first), excluding the first Adoption Certificate, for which there is no fee.....	\$ 20.00	
Change of Name.....	\$ 165.00	\$ 150.00 + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Change of Name, Motion (limited to divorce actions).....	\$ 100.00	
Citation.....	\$ 15.00	
Commission to take Depositions.....	\$ 20.00	
Compromise a Will, Leave to.....	\$ 75.00	\$ 15.00 surcharge (only if new fiduciary is appointed)
Contempt Summons.....	No Fee	
Conservator, petition to appoint.....	\$ 215.00	\$ 150.00 + \$ 50.00 bond + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Convey land as if sole, authority to, petition under c. 209, sec. 35* or 36 by a husband or wife (Desertion and Living Apart)..... *sec. 35 Repealed	\$ 150.00	
Copy, Attested, of Court Documents and Records including Docket Sheets or Other Papers in possession and under the control of the Register.....	\$ 2.50/page	
Copy, Unattested, of Court Documents, Records or Other Papers in possession and under the control of the Register.....	\$ 1.00/page	
Correction of Birth Record, Petitions for.....	\$ 75.00	\$ 60.00 + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Counsel Fees.....	No Fee	
Determination of Value.....	\$ 30.00	
Disabled Abuse Petition.....	No Fee	

Discharge of Guardian/Conservator.....	No Fee	
Discharge of Surety.....	\$ 60.00	
Dispense With Consent to Adoption, Petition.....	No Fee	
Divorce, Complaint for.....	\$ 215.00	\$ 200.00 + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Elderly Abuse Petition.....	No Fee	
Equity Petition/Complaint except such as relates to adoption, custody or support of minors.....	\$90.00	\$ 75.00 + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Erection of a Monument.....	\$ 60.00	
Exemplified copies (plus an additional charge of one dollar per page for each page except the first).....	\$ 50.00	
Filing a will for safekeeping except that no additional fee shall be charged for filing a will in substitution for a will previously filed and withdrawn.....	\$ 75.00	
Foreign Custody Decrees, Registration of.....	No Fee	
Foreign Decree, Alimony only, Enforcement of.....	\$ 115.00	\$ 100.00 + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Foreign Will.....	\$ 65.00	\$ 50.00 + \$ 15.00 surcharge
General Petition except such as relates to adoption, custody or support of minors.....	\$ 165.00	\$ 150.00 + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Grandparent Visitation, Complaint for.....	No Fee	
Guardian, appointment of, (except when the petitioner petitioner certifies that the ward's estate does not exceed \$ 100.00, then no fee).....	\$ 215.00	\$ 150.00 + \$ 50.00 bond + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Guardianship Petition: Mentally Ill (except when the petitioner certifies that the ward's estate does not exceed \$100.00, then no fee).....	\$ 215.00	\$ 150.00 + \$ 50.00 bond + \$ 15.00 surcharge

Mentally Retarded (except when the petitioner certifies the ward's estate does not exceed \$100.00, then no fee).....	\$ 215.00	\$ 150.00 + \$ 50.00 bond + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Minor (except when the petitioner certifies that the ward's estate does not exceed \$100.00, then no fee).....	\$ 215.00	\$ 150.00 + \$ 50.00 bond + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Physically Incapacitated (except when the petitioner certifies that the ward's estate does not exceed \$100.00, then no fee).....	\$ 215.00	\$ 150.00 + \$ 50.00 bond + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Spendthrift (except when the petitioner certifies that the ward's estate does not exceed \$100.00, then no fee).....	\$ 215.00	\$ 150.00 + \$ 50.00 bond + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Injunction except such as relates to adoption, custody or support of minors.....	\$ 150.00	
Insolvency, Representation of.....	\$ 150.00	
Inventory, new.....	\$ 75.00	
Leave to Lease Real Estate.....	\$ 75.00	
Leave to Mortgage Real Estate.....	\$ 75.00	
Leave to Pay Debts except when the petitioner or accountant certifies that the estate does not exceed \$1,000.00.....	\$ 75.00	
Leave to Compromise a Claim.....	\$ 75.00	
Leave to Deposit.....	No Fee	
Leave to Bring Suit on a Bond.....	No Fee	
Leave to Carry on Business of Deceased.....	\$ 150.00	
Letters to Foreign Guardian.....	\$ 90.00	\$ 75.00 + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Marriage of a Minor.....	No Fee	
Marriage Without Delay.....	\$ 65.00	\$ 50.00 + \$ 15.00 surcharge

Modification of a Decree except such as relates to the support, maintenance, visitation, or education of a child.....	\$ 150.00	
New Inventory.....	\$ 75.00	
New Bond.....	\$ 75.00	
Order of Notice, Citation, or Precept.....	\$ 15.00	
Partition Petition.....	\$ 165.00	\$ 150.00 + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Paternity Actions.....	No Fee	
Paternity Actions filed in Equity.....	No Fee	
Paternity Actions, Voluntary Registration.....	No Fee	
Payment of Deposits.....	No Fee	
Probate of Will.....	\$ 215.00	\$ 150.00 + \$ 50.00 bond + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Public Administration.....	\$ 115.00	\$ 50.00 + \$ 50.00 bond + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Reduction of Bond.....	No Fee	
Registration of Foreign Custody Decree.....	No Fee	
Release of Dower or Curtesy.....	\$ 75.00	
Removal of a Fiduciary.....	\$ 100.00	
Removal of Child from the Commonwealth.....	No Fee	
Sale of Real or Personal Estate including sale of real estate subject to vested or contingent remainders where the gross value accounted for is \$100,000 or less.....	\$ 100.00	
Where the gross value accounted for is more than \$100,000 but not more than \$250,000.....	\$ 250.00	
Where the gross value accounted for is more than \$250,000 but not more than \$500,000.....	\$ 500.00	
Where the gross value accounted for is more than \$500,000 but less than \$1,000,000.....	\$ 750.00	

Where the gross value accounted for is more than \$1,000,000.....	\$ 1,000.00	
Sale of Real Estate by a Foreign Fiduciary.....	\$ 65.00	\$ 50.00 + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Separate Support.....	\$ 115.00	\$ 100.00 + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Special Administration.....	\$ 215.00	\$ 150.00 + \$ 50.00 bond + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Specific Performance.....	\$ 90.00	\$ 75.00 + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Statement of Voluntary Executor.....	\$ 65.00	\$ 30.00 + \$ 15.00 surcharge + \$ 20.00 certificate
Statement of Voluntary Administration.....	\$135.00	\$ 100.00 + \$ 15.00 surcharge + \$ 20.00 certificate
Summons, Blank (except in matters relating to Contempt or Paternity).....	\$ 5.00	
Support of Spouse or Child under c. 209, section 32F.....	No Fee	
Surcharge (any party entering a complaint, petition or other civil action in which an initial filing fee is payable and to which a separate docket number or suffix is assigned shall pay to the register of the court a surcharge of \$15.00 in addition to the fee otherwise required by law) G.L. c. 262, § 4C	\$ 15.00	
Tape Cassette Recordings of Proceedings (plus postage per ninety (90) minutes of recording or part thereof).....	\$ 50.50	
Temporary Restraining Order except such as relates to adoption, custody or support of minors.....	\$ 100.00	
Temporary Restraining Order against a Spouse related to a Complaint for Divorce or Separate Support.....	No Fee	
Termination of Parental Rights.....	No Fee	
Transcript of a Judgment (known in the Probate and Family Court as “authenticated copies” or “exemplified copies”) (plus an additional charge of one dollar per page for each page except the first.....	\$ 50.00	

Trust, Termination of.....	\$ 65.00	\$ 50.00 + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Trustee, Petition to appoint.....	\$ 215.00	\$ 150.00 + \$ 50.00 bond + \$ 15.00 surcharge
Unattested copy of Court Documents, Records or Other Papers in possession and under the control of the Register.....	\$ 1.00/page	
Visitation of Minor Child.....	No Fee	
Voluntary Registration in Paternity Actions.....	No Fee	
Waiver of Three Day Notice of Marriage (also known as a Marriage Without Delay).....	\$65.00	\$ 50.00 + \$ 15.00 surcharge